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SUBJECT: POLICY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED TO CONSIDER CHITELCO CASE

1. FONMIN ECON ADVISER RICARDO CLARO HAS TOLD EMBOFF THAT ON MARCH 20 HE ATTENDED, AS FOREIGN MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE, FIRST MEETING OF GOC INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED TO DECIDE FATE OF CHITELCO (ITT-OWNED TELEPHONE COMPANY INTERVENED BY ALLENDE GOVERNMENT). COMMITTEE BEING CHAIRED BY MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, WHICH HAS CONTROL OVER INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

2. CLARO SAID SOME COMMITTEE MEMBERS THOUGHT DECISIONS SHOULD BE REACHED QUICKLY ON WHETHER CHITELCO SHOULD BE NATINOALIZED AND, IF SO, AMOUNT AND TYPE OF COMPENSATION TO BE OFFERED ITT. OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS FAVORED GOING MORE SLOWLY ON THIS MATTER. NO DICISIONS WERE REACHED AT FIRST MEETING.

3. EMBOFF COMMENTED TO CLARO ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT IN VIEW OF EXTREME DELICACY ON BOTH SIDES OF CHITELCO CEAE GOC SHOULD CONSIDER CAREFULLY WHETHER IT SHOULD MOVE AHEAD QUICKLY ON THIS MATTER BEFORE REACHING AGREEMENT ON OTHER COMPENSATION CASES SUCH AS ANACONDA AND KENNECOTT.

4. WE EXPECT CLARO TO BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH FURTHER

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INFORMATION FAIRLY SOON AND WILL REPORT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE
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